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The Ups & Downs of Political Life.

or

The Adventures of Mr G Raball

by J Gilmour

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The subject of our sketch —

Had opened an office in the City
and together with his staff awaited

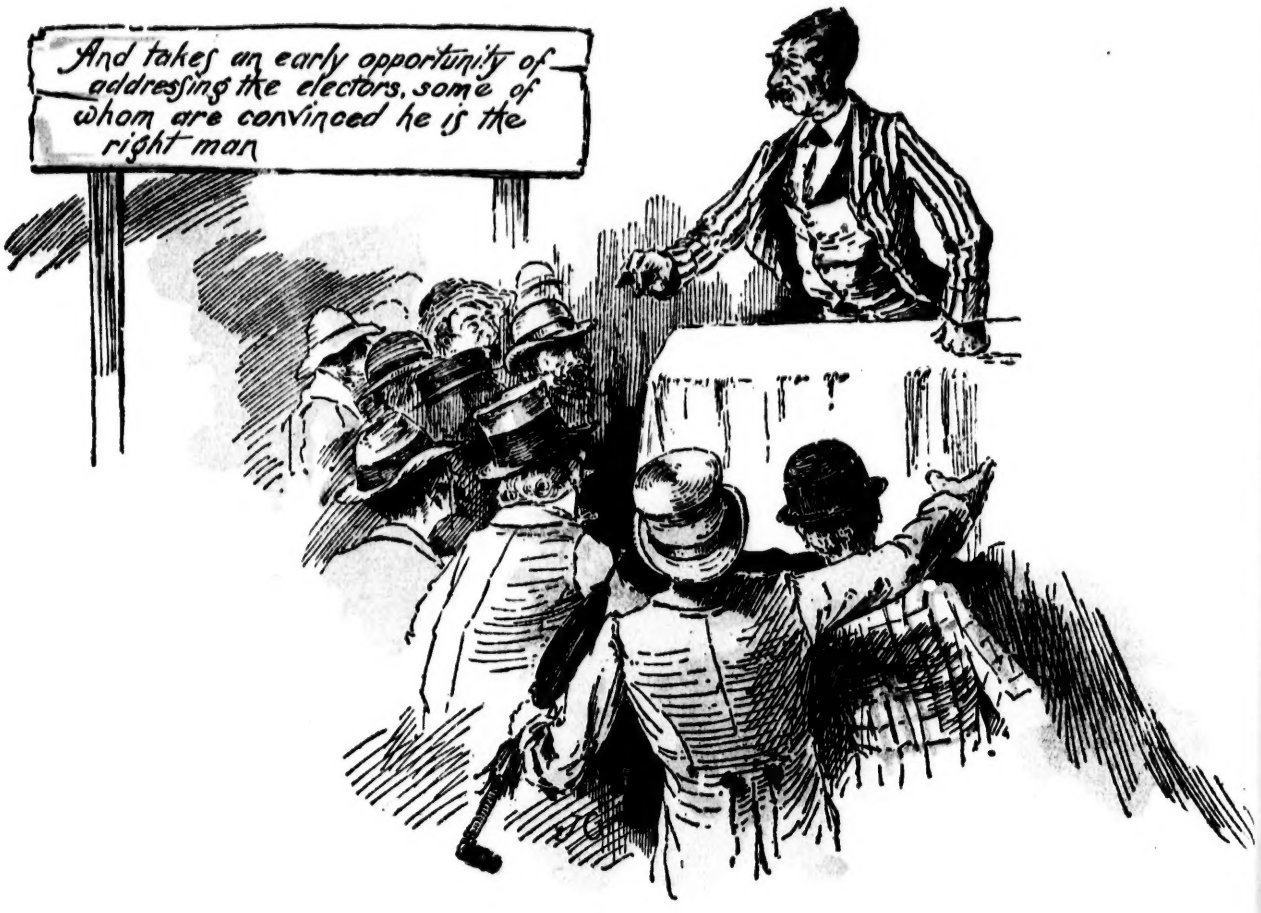
That rush of Clients

which his modesty led him to expect

Having waited, and not finding his time fully occupied, he resolves to devote his energies to something really lucrative

He dismisses the staff, and decides to enter on a political career

take an interest in the welfare of his country


And takes an early opportunity of addressing the electors, some of whom are convinced he is the right man

Others again think differently
and say so.

His admirers however are in the majority and he is elected M.P.

He next applies to an old friend for sufficient ready money to start him on his way to fame &c

Having taken his seat in Parliament, his grasp of financial matters is at once recognized and he is intrusted with the arranging of several government contracts

He begins to find himself
in more comfortable
circumstances

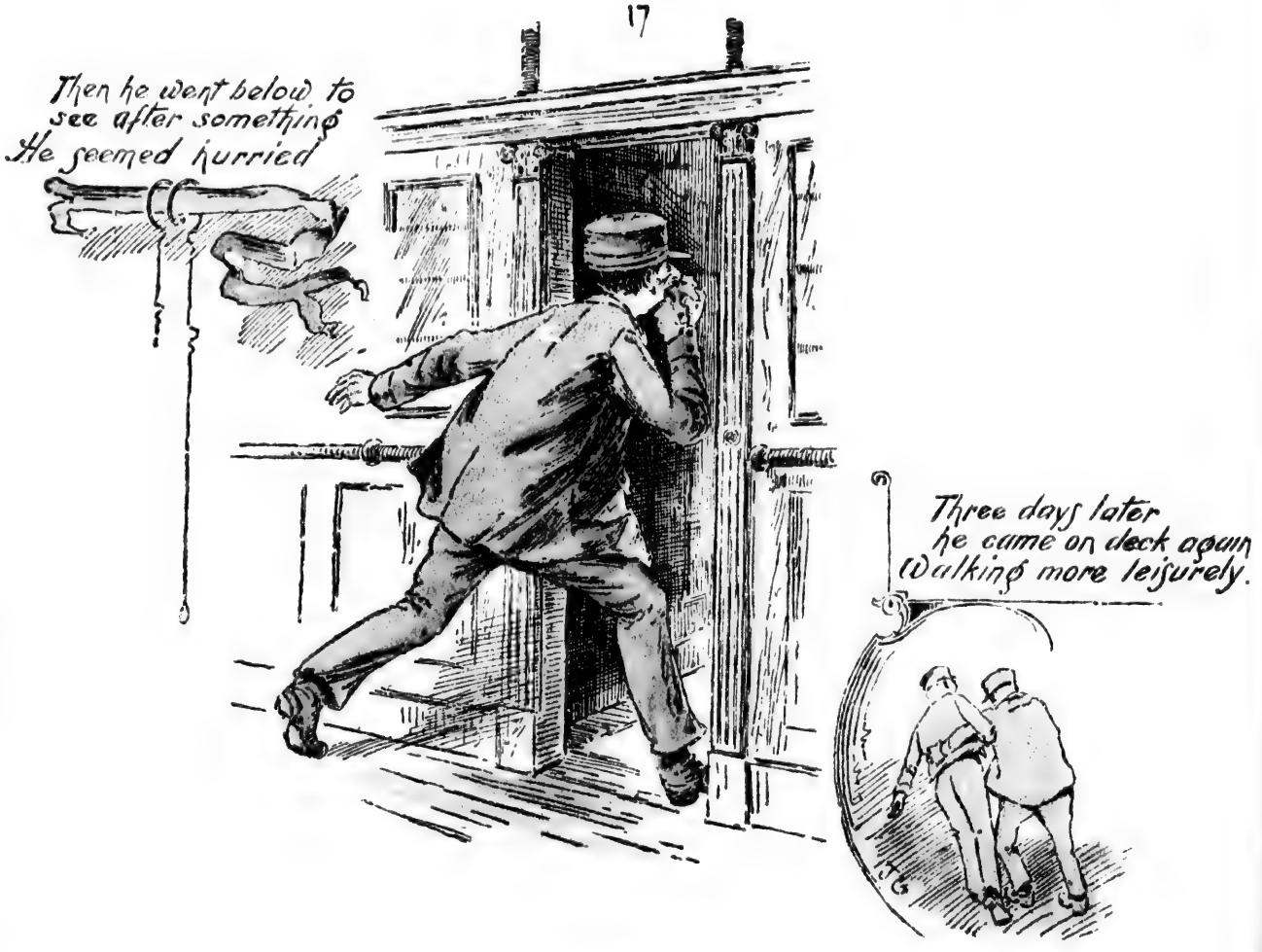
And appoints a few relatives to desirable positions

his rigid attention to his duties
begins to tell on him. He is
persuaded to take a holiday,
and his friends turn out to bid
im adieu

As he is very thorough in his ideas he dons a complete nautical outfit
so that he may harmonize with his surroundings during the voyage

The first day out he harmonized up till noon. When he was seen gazing intently into the heaving wave—

It was remarked that he appeared perturbed


Then he went below to see after something He seemed hurried
Three days later he came on deck again Walking more leisurely.

He made great progress with that nice Miss Jones until the confounded steward——

assisted him to soup.

One night there was a Concert in the saloon

He executed a ballad
entitled "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay
during the 1st verse the audience seemed spellbou

He only sang one verse
It was suggested that he might be retained to empty Theatres rapidly in the event of fire

When he arrives at his destination he finds that the people are not so much impressed by his greatness as some of his Canadian friends

Nevertheless he receives marked attention

And certain citizens are eager to carry his baggage

He enjoys himself as much as possible

But is forced to journey onward as he has —

Important business to transact
in Paris

He learns the game of ecarté

and plays it with great profit to his opponents

He gets back to his hotel feeling tired

Returning to Canada

he resumes his parliamentary duties

But some envious people begin to make unpleasant remarks

He is invited to explain several little matters

His explanation is fluent but unsatisfactory

Finally he is spurned by his ungrateful country
And goes to seek a haven where contractors cease from troubling and the boodlers are at rest